Survey of the forest to be tapped by the Tramway.

209. Mr. C. J. Mathew.—(1) Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether any survey of the forests tapped by the Tramway was made ; and if so, by whom and when ;

(b) whether the survey report is submitted; and if so, whether the results are satisfactory ;

(c) whether in view of this report the Government have decided to continue the Tramway for a fixed number of years commencing from 1105 ;

(2) will the Government be pleased to place on the Table a copy of the report submitted after surveying the forests tapped by the Tramway?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—(a) Yes. A reconnoitring survey of a portion of the forests tapped by Tramway was done by the present Northern Divisional Forest Officer, Mr. T. Narayana Menon, from 12th Chingam 1104 to 11th Kumbham 1104.

(b) The report is under the consideration of the Government.

(c) and (2). In view of reply to (b) no replies can be given.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—When did Mr. Narayana Menon submit his report?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—He submitted his report by the middle of Mithunam last.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Only one and a half months ago?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—Yes.

Applications for the purchase of wind-fallen trees.

210. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a list of persons who applied in the years 1102 and 1103 to the Forest Department according to date-war, for the purchase of trees, wind-fallen or partly burnt by fire, the quantity found to be available in pursuance of the inquiry on each of these petitions, the actual quantity sold to each of them and the rate per candy realised from each of them?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—A statement giving the particulars is placed on the Council table.

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